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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Sands Group Art Unit: 3651  
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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 18, 2005. Claims 1-12 and 14-19 remain in this application. Claims 17-20 have been added, claims 1, 3, 5-12 and 14-16 have been amended, and claim 13 has been cancelled. Please amend the application as follows.